Fixation of loading and transportation rate by SECL

†3132. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) Whether loading/transportation rates for Ex-servicemen companies engaged in Gevra/Deepka mines situated at SECL have been fixed on the basis of the recommendation of the Price Water House;

(b) if so, the estimated capacity of loader and tipper and whether it is less or more in comparison to real loading and transportation done during the last one year;

(c) the extent of increase and to what extent there has been difference in the fixation of rates; and

(d) the loss SECL has to suffer in a year due to this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) and (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

New projects to increase coal production

3133. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified new projects to increase the coal production to bridge the widening demand-supply gap;

(b) if so, the details of new projects identified in different States; and

(c) by when, Government are likely to start new projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) 101 projects have been identified for taking up during X Plan period. The details of these projects identified in different states is given in Statement (see below). Twenty two projects are already producing coal. Forty five projects are slated for production during 2005-06 and 2006-07. The remaining 34 projects will start coal production beyond 2006-07.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.